

4 ALBERT EMBANKMENT
LONDON SE1 7SR
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7735 7611 Fax: +44 (0)20 7587 3210

HNS.2/Circ.13/Rev.1
30 January 2024

**PROTOCOL OF 2010 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND
COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRIAGE OF
HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES BY SEA, 1996**

Accession by Slovakia

The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to the above Protocol and to state that, in accordance with article 20(3) thereof, accession by the Slovak Republic was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 21 November 2023.

The instrument of accession was accompanied by an HNS Contributing Cargo Nil Declaration Form.

Article 21(1) provides as follows:

"This Protocol shall enter into force eighteen months after the date on which the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) at least twelve States, including four States each with not less than 2 million units of gross tonnage, have expressed their consent to be bound by it; and
- (b) the Secretary-General has received information in accordance with article 20, paragraphs 4 and 6, that those persons in such States who would be liable to contribute pursuant to article 18, paragraphs 1(a) and (c), of the Convention, as amended by this Protocol, have received during the preceding calendar year a total quantity of at least 40 million tonnes of cargo contributing to the general account."

There are, at present, eight Contracting States to the Protocol, five of which have more than 2 million* units of gross tonnage. The Contracting States received, in 2022, a total quantity of 17,527,853 tonnes of cargo contributing to the general account.

* Canada, Denmark, France, Norway and Türkiye. Tonnage figures provided by S&P Global current as of 31 December 2022.